

jute units in the small scale sector in West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar till March, 1991; and

(b) the assistance being provided by the Government to revive these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) As per the latest position available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) total number of 19,497 textile units and 132 jute units in small scale sector are sick at the end of December, 1988. State-wise data of sick textile and jute units are reportedly not being maintained centrally.

(b) Steps taken to revive these industries include issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to all Scheduled Commercial Banks in regard to rehabilitation of sick SSI Units, viability norms, incipient sickness, as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation package in the case of potentially viable sick units. Besides, on the advice of Govt. of India, RBI has set up a state level, Inter-Institutional Committee (SLICs) in all states under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Deptt. for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of viable sick small scale units.

[English]

Valuable Articles of Former Rulers

4179. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased

to state :

(a) whether valuable ornaments and articles of the former Indian rulers are being smuggled out of the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to preserve them in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) :

(a) and (b) Intelligence available with Customs authorities do not indicate smuggling of ornaments and articles of former Indian rulers out of the country. However, three vintage cars, sold by the erstwhile princely family of Nabha to another Indian, were recently exported to the United Kingdom with the help of forged documents.

The Customs department remains alert against smuggling by constant updating and sharing of intelligence and new modus operandi, amongst the enforcement agencies, including international organisations.

Registration of Companies

4180. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a sharp rise in the registration of companies under the Companies Act, 1956 this

year ; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS-TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The

number of companies registered under the Companies Act during 1990-91 was 22,341 as against 21,597 in 1989-90, registering and increase of 3.4%. This cannot be categorised as a sharp increase.

(b) State-wise details of number of companies registered during 1989-90 and 1990-91 is given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

State/Union Territory	No. of com- panies regis- tered during 1989-90	No. of com- panies regis- tered during 1990-91
1	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	1351	1322
2. Assam	141	81
3. Bihar	613	422
4. Gujarat	1413	1702
5. Haryana	356	351
6. Himachal Pradesh	87	81
7. Jammu & Kashmir	74	12
8. Karnataka	863	950
9. Kerala	316	354
10. Madhya Pradesh	586	573
11. Maharashtra	4757	4908
12. Manipur	10	3
13. Meghalaya	16	6
14. Nagaland	11	4
15. Orissa	227	319
16. Punjab	685	596
17. Rajasthan	470	508
18. Tamil Nadu	1972	2024

1	2	3
19. Tripura	1	1
20. Uttar Pradesh	1156	1180
21. West Bengal	2125	2536
22. Sikkim	—	—
23. Arunachal Pradesh	9	8
24. Goa	57	85
25. A & N Islands	—	—
26. Chandigarh	274	267
27. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7	5
28. Delhi	3968	3977
29. Daman & Diu	5	2
30. Lakshdweep	—	—
31. Mizoram	2	3
32. Pondicherry	45	61
TOTAL	21597	22341

Defence Industrial Projects in Karnataka

4181. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested to set up some more Defence Industrial Projects in Karnataka ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to set up some defence industrial projects in Karnataka ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Return of Gold Ornaments by Portuguese Bank

4182. SHRI PRATAP B. BHONSLE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the gold ornaments and other safe custody articles of Goans held with the Portuguese Bank have since been handed over to the State Bank of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the present value of these articles in the international market ;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme to make use of the gold returned by the Portuguese bank ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?